

March 18th, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the St. John's Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 4:30 p.m. today.

His Worship the Mayor presided.

There were present also: Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; Councillors Hann, Hickman, Lane, Puddister, Galgay, Tilley, Davis and Collins

City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services & City Clerk; Deputy City Manager, Public Works, Deputy City Manager, Planning, Development & Engineering, Deputy City Manager, Financial Management; Director of Engineering, Chief Municipal Planner, Acting City Solicitor, and Manager, Corporate Secretariat, were also in attendance.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda

SJMC2014-03-18/118R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Pudister; seconded by Councillor Davis: That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

SJMC2014-03-18/119R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the minutes of March 10th, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report dated March 11, 2014

Council considered the following Development Committee Report dated March 11, 2014

- 1. Department of Planning, Development and Engineering File No. DEV1400047
Proposed Hobby Farm with Accessory Dwelling
Land Adjacent to Civic No. 725 Thorburn Road
Broad Cove River Watershed
Applicant: 11308 Newfoundland Ltd.**
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The Committee recommends that Council reject the proposed development of the hobby farm, barn, and dwelling pursuant to Section 104 of the City of St. John's Act.

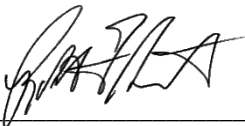
**2. Department of Planning, Development and Engineering File No.13-00003
Proposed Bed and Breakfast (B&B)
Applicant: 10804 NL Limited
Civic No. 36 Cabot Avenue (Ward 2)
Residential Battery Zone (RB) Zone**

The application has been reviewed by staff using the Battery Development Guideline Study and does not conflict with the Footprint and Height Control Overlay of the Study. It will not have any significant interference with the private views from other properties and the design of the proposed B&B is in keeping with the character of other dwellings in the area. Final approval of the application is subject to the following conditions:

- i. Approval of the building elevations by the City's Heritage Officer; and,
- ii. Compliance with all requirements of the City's Department of Planning, Development and Engineering

**3. Department of Planning, Development & Engineering File No. DEV1400013
Proposed Demolition and Rebuild of Dwelling
9 Virden Place
Town of Paradise
Broad Cove River Watershed (W) Zone**

Council approve the demolition and application to erect the new dwelling proposed pursuant to Section 104 (4) (d) of the City of St. John's Act, subject to the proponent satisfying Service NL conditions for septic disposal field and that the new dwelling not have an oil fire heating system.



Robert F. Smart, City Manager
Chair – Development Committee

SJMC2014-03-18/120R

It was moved by Councillor Hann; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the Committee's recommendations be approved.

Regarding Item #2, Proposed Bed and Breakfast (B & B), 36 Cabot Avenue, Councillor Galgay indicated concerns with respect to parking and the fact that the developer did not proceed with holding a public hearing. It was pointed out that a B & B is a Permitted Use in the Residential Battery (RB) Zone and the parking requirements are one parking space for every two bedrooms. The proposed parking for the B & B has been reviewed by the Development Engineer/Traffic and meets the requirements as per section 9.2.1(1) Parking Area Requirements. It was also pointed out that any associated uses would have to be processed under separate application.

Following discussion, the motion being put was carried with Councillor Galgay dissenting on Item #2.

Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated March 12, 2014

Council considered the following Finance and Administration Standing Committee Report dated March 12, 2014:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Danny Breen, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Councillor Art Puddister
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Dave Lane
Councillor Sandy Hickman
Councillor Jonathan Galgay
Councillor Bernard Davis
Mr. Robert Smart, City Manager
Mr. Neil Martin, Deputy City Manager
Mr. Robert Bishop, Deputy City Manager, Financial Management
Mr. Dave Blackmore, Deputy City Manager, Planning/Development/Engineering
Mr. Sean Janes, City Internal Auditor
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Senior Legislative Assistant

1. **Funding Request from Iris Kirby House re: *Up and Out Project***

The Committee met with representatives from Iris Kirby House: Gail Tobin and Kelly Fewer regarding the above noted. The request was supplemented by a power point presentation which gave some background, an overview, statistics, and services of Iris Kirby House and O'Shaughnessy House (located in Carbonear).

It was noted that while funding has been obtained through several Provincial sources for this project, approximately \$700,000 in capital is required to complete the project. The delegation expressed appreciation for any funding the City can provide. Following departure of the delegation, the following recommendation was put forth:

Recommendation

Moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Puddister that approval be given for a capital contribution in the amount of \$100,000 for the "Up and Out Project" being carried out by Iris Kirby House.

Recognizing that funding is coming from the City's Capital Budget, it was agreed staff provide the Committee with an update of funding available and projects approved/committed.

2. **Taxation of Partially Complete Properties**

The Committee considered a memorandum dated March 10, 2014 from the Deputy City Manager of Financial Management reminding the Committee that on November 25, 2013, Council agreed that the City assess and tax partially constructed properties in accordance with the relevant legislation, with taxation to be effective for the 2015 billing year.

While significant progress has been made in developing the inspection, assessment and taxation regime, continued progress requires an expenditure of funds for the development of the program modifications necessary to collect the information needed to trigger assessments and to help quantify these assessments.

Secondly, staff recommends that the excavation backfill approval be the appropriate trigger to charge water tax. Currently water tax is triggered in the same manner as property tax. i.e. issue of an occupancy permit.

The Committee reviewed a letter from the Canadian Home Builders Association dated February 13, 2014, once again objecting to the introduction of this tax.

Debate ensued and the following recommendation was put forward.

Recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Hann with Councillor Hickman dissenting: to continue with measures to develop and implement the tax on partially constructed properties effective, January 1, 2015 and

further that Council accept the recommendation of staff that the excavation backfill permit replace the occupancy permit as the trigger for the implementation of the water tax charge

3. Annual Grants

The Committee considered a memo from the Deputy City Manager of Financial Management dated March 7, 2014 advising that while the staff committee that reviews the applications for community grants has not yet met for the 2014 grants, there are a number of sustaining grants that are provided on an annual basis. In the interest of time, the approval of the following grant amounts is recommended.

Grand Concourse Authority (annual membership)	\$36,000
East Coast Trail Assoc. (interim – further funding under review)	\$25,000
LSPU Hall (operating grant)	\$50,000
Quidi Vidi Rennies River Foundation	\$25,000
St. John’s Clean & Beautiful	\$63,750
Johnson Geo Centre	\$60,000
Aquarena	\$100,000
Canadian Red Cross (capital grant – 4 th of 5 payments)	\$20,000

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends approval of the following grants:

Grand Concourse Authority (annual membership)	\$36,000
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Recommendation:

The Committee with the abstention of Councillor Hickman recommends approval of a grant to St. John’s Clean and Beautiful in the amount of \$63,750

Recommendation:

The Committee with the dissention of Councillors Puddister, Davis, Hann and Galgay recommends approval of a grant to the Aquarena in the amount of \$100,000

4. City Credit Rating.

The Committee considered a memo dated March 10, 2014 from the Deputy City Manager of Financial Management regarding the above noted. Moody’s Investors Service has recently completed its 2014 update of the City’s credit rating which is confirmed as Aa2, stable as in past years. The credit opinion is available from the Office of the City Clerk.

It was noted that the City is also rated by Standard and Poors and their credit opinion will be provided to the Committee upon completion. A press release is being prepared on this matter.

5. **Request from Kathlene Parewick for sponsorship of “Beauty and the Beast”**

The Committee reviewed a request for sponsorship for an upcoming musical production of “Beauty and the Beast” at Holy Heart Theatre.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends rejection of this sponsorship request as it is outside the scope of Council policy.

6. **Request from Newfoundland Historical Society**

As part of the commemoration of the one-hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War, the Newfoundland Historical Society is requesting the City host a reception at the Legion in Pleasantville on October 2, 2014.

Recognizing the City will also be participating in commemoration of this event, it was agreed the Newfoundland Historical Society be advised that its request will be considered once the City has finalized its own itinerary.

7. **Request from Prince of Wales Collegiate – YMCA Youth Exchange.**

A memorandum was considered from The Director of Recreation outlining a request from Prince of Wales Collegiate/Rockland Rugby YMCA Youth Exchange, for the City to host a luncheon as part of this Exchange Program for the group visiting from Rockland, Ontario, between May 6-11, 2014.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends approval to host a luncheon for approximately 53 members of the PWC Girls School/Rugby Exchange. Art/Dave.

8. **Letter dated February 26, 2014 from Lady Cove Women’s Choir**

The Committee considered a letter requesting sponsorship/donation to the Lady Cove Women’s Choir.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends rejection of a sponsorship request from the Lady Cove Women’s Choir on the basis that it is outside the scope of Council policy. Councillors are encouraged to consider a personal donation.

9. **Letter from Car Share NL requesting funding**

The Committee considered a letter from Car Share NL requesting funding to assist MUN students in developing a business plan for a social enterprise seeking to establish an innovating transportation solution in the City.

Car sharing is a neighbourhood-based transportation service that allows people to use a car when they need one, while spreading out the cost of ownership and maintenance. It is an environmentally friendly way to get around with people using fewer vehicles.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends rejection of funding for this project however, in the interest of reducing traffic congestion, improving parking availability, and providing an indirect financial saving option for the general public, Council commits to working with CarShareNL in exploring the initiative.

Councillor Danny Breen
Chairperson

SJMC2014-03-18/121R

It was moved by Councillor Lane ; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Committee's recommendations with the exception of Item #3, Aquarena and St. John's Clean and Beautiful Grants (to be dealt with under separate motions) be approved.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

SJMC2014-03-18/122R

It was moved by Councillor Tilley; seconded by Councillor Puddister That the committee's recommendation to grant St. John's Clean and Beautiful a grant in the amount of \$63,750.00 be approved.

The motion being put was carried with Councillor Hickman abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

SJMC2014-03-18/123R

It was moved by Councillor Davis; seconded by Councillor Puddister: That the Committee's recommendation to provide a grant to the Aquarena in the amount of \$100,000 be deferred.

The motion to defer was carried with Councilor Galgay dissenting.

Audit and Accountability Committee Report dated March 4, 2014

Council considered the following Audit and Accountability Committee Report dated March 4, 2014:

Present: Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth, Chairperson
Councillor Tom Hann
Councillor Bruce Tilley
Ms. Renee Dyer, Citizen Representative
Mr. Boyd Chislett, Citizen Representative
Mr. Neil Martin, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services – City Clerk
Mr. Robert Bishop, Deputy City Manager, Financial Management
Mr. Sean Janes, Senior City Internal Auditor
Mr. David Royle, Internal Auditor
Mr. Rick Squires, Manager of Materials
Ms. Maureen Harvey, Senior Legislative Assistant

A special welcome given to the new incoming Citizen’s Representatives – Renee Dyer and Boyd Chislett.

1. Internal Audit Report – Receiving, Stores and Issuing

The Committee reviewed the above noted report the preparation of which was carried out in accordance with the City’s approved audit plan. The objective of the review was to assess whether the areas of risk management, governance processes and control processes are being carried out appropriately.

Internal Auditor David Royle presented the document, a copy of which is available at the Office of the City Clerk.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends acceptance of the Internal Audit Report “Program Review: Receiving, Stores and Issuing” Assignment No. 13-2 with agreement that the recommendations contained therein be implemented.

2. Follow-up Summary Report Parking Services – Assignment #13-01

The Committee reviewed the above noted report which summarizes the results of the follow-up audit of Parking Services. The report can be viewed at the Office of the City Clerk.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends acceptance of the Follow-up Summary Report on Parking Services – Assignment # 13-01.

3. Council Directive - Review of Municipal Elections Process

At the Regular Meeting of Council on January 27, 2014, Councillor Davis asked for a review of the municipal elections process and that that review focus on establishing new ways to maintain an accurate voters' list; establishing partnerships with Elections Canada and Elections NL and internet voting.

The Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, tabled a report and recommendation dated February 4, 2014 which is attached.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the City continue with its use of the permanent registry of voters (voters' list) as per its contractual agreement with Elections NL and continue to update the list in accordance with its Voters List Policy; and the Provincial Government be approached prior to the 2017 municipal election and an amendment sought to *the Municipal Elections Act* to permit internet voting.

4. Election Finance By-Law – Parameter Review

The Committee reviewed a memorandum dated February 3, 2014 responding to Councillor Davis request that a review of the current campaign financing by-law be undertaken.

The memorandum addresses the issue, background and discussion of this matter. It is noted that the current by-law has not been reviewed or amended since its original approval of Council on October 15, 2007.

Recommendation

That the Audit and Accountability Standing Committee review and approve the General Review Parameters (as attached) and forward to Council with a recommendation that the review of the Election Finance By-law be conducted by either Council sitting as Committee of the Whole or by a select group of Councillors appointed by Council as an Election Finance By-Law Review Committee.

5. Conflict of Interest Legislation

At the regular meeting of Council on February 3, 2014, Councillor Hann asked for a review of the City's Conflict of Interest legislation.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends that the Deputy City Manager of Corporate Services and City Clerk consult the City Solicitor about engaging an independent legal advisor, possibly a retired judge, to review the City's Conflict of Interest legislation.

Other Business

Deputy Mayor Ron Ellsworth
Chair

SJMC2014-03-18/124R

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the Committee's recommendations with the exception of Item #3 – Review of Municipal Elections Process (to be dealt with under separate motion) be approved.

SJMC2014-03-18/125R

Regarding Item #5, Conflict of Interest Legislation, it was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Davis: That staff contact the Chief Provincial Court Justice to see if there is a willingness to work with the City about engaging a retired judge.

The motion being put there voted for it the Mover. The motion failed.

The main motion being put was carried.

SJMC2014-03-18/126R

Regarding Item #3, Review of Municipal Elections Process, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Ellsworth; seconded by Councillor Lane: That the Committee's recommendation be approved.

Following discussion, the motion being put was carried with Councillors Collins and Puddister dissenting on the Committee's recommendation to seek an amendment to the Municipal Elections Act to permit internet voting.

Resolutions

Resolution - Canada Post –Five Point Action Plan

SJMC2014-03-18/127R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Davis: That the following BCMC Resolution be adopted, as amended, calling for Canada Post to reverse their decision to halt service:

WHEREAS, Canada Post, this past December, announced significant changes to mail delivery in Canada as part of its *Five Point Action Plan (FPAP)*; and

WHEREAS, under this plan it is proposed that there be a new tiered pricing model for letter mail that will significantly increase the costs of municipal mail-outs; and

WHEREAS, Canada Post is also proposing the introduction of community mailboxes (CMBs) and the elimination of non-commercial door-to-door mail delivery; and

WHEREAS, the CMBs could entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, including increased requirements for managing municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti and mail theft; and

WHEREAS, the loss of door-to-door delivery could also undermine local strategies and processes aimed at fostering and supporting age/disability-friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities were not consulted on the proposed changes of the FPAP;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Big City Mayors' Caucus call on Canada Post to halt the elimination of door-to-door delivery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada Post commit that the proposed changes in the Five Point Action Plan do not download the costs and maintenance of the community mailboxes onto municipalities without proper consultation and compensation.

Dennis O'Keefe, Mayor
City of St. John's

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Development Permits List

Council considered as information the following weekly development permits list for the period February 27, 2014 to March 5, 2014:

**DEVELOPMENT PERMITS LIST
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING
FOR THE PERIOD OF March 6, 2014 TO March 12, 2014**

Code	Applicant	Application	Location	Ward	Development Officer's Decision	Date
AG		Storage Shed for grain	187 Brookfield Road	5	Approved	2014-03-06
RES		Proposed Building Lot	85 Blackhead Cres	5	Rejected	2014-03-12
RES	Fougere Menchenton Architecture	Demolition. Rebuild single-detached with subsidiary apartment	625 Southside Road	5	Approved	2014-03-12
COM	Carl Yetman Architect Inc	Site Redevelopment	5 Hallett Crescent	4	Approved	2014-03-12
INST	AMEC Americas Ltd	Medical Oxygen Tank Installation	HSC - 300 Prince Philip Drive	4	Approved	2014-03-12

<p>* Code Classification: RES- Residential COM- Commercial AG - Agriculture OT - Other</p>	<p>INST - Institutional IND - Industrial</p>
<p>** This list is issued for information purposes only. Applicants have been advised in writing of the Development Officer's decision and of their right to appeal any decision to the St. John's Local Board of Appeal.</p>	

**Gerard Doran
Development Officer
Department of Planning**

Building Permits List – March 18, 2014

SJMC2014-03-18/128R

It was moved by Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the recommendation of the Director of Planning and Development with respect to the following building permits, be approved:

**Building Permits List
Council's March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting**

Permits Issued: 2014/03/06 To 2014/03/12

CLASS: COMMERCIAL

25-39 Hallett Cres	Co	Office
576 Water St, Used Item's Sale	Co	Retail Store
77 Kenmount Rd	Rn	Retail Store
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Office
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Service Shop
40 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Clinic
46 Aberdeen Ave	Ms	Restaurant
149 Airport Rd	Ms	Car Sales Lot
77 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Retail Store
245 Blackmarsh Rd	Ms	Convenience Store
Carpasian Rd	Ms	Place Of Assembly
395 East White Hills Rd	Ms	Commercial Garage
94 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Retail Store
2 Fogwill Pl	Ms	Restaurant
336 Freshwater Rd	Ms	Service Shop
15 Goldstone St	Ms	Service Shop
169 Hamlyn Rd	Ms	Service Shop
16 Highland Dr	Ms	Convenience Store
102 Kenmount Dr	Ms	Office
102 Kenmount Dr	Ms	Hotel
150 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Car Sales Lot
161 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Retail Store
193 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Place Of Amusement
195 Kenmount Rd	Ms	Service Shop
75 Kiwanis St, St. Michael's	Sn	Church
147 Lemarchant Rd	Ms	Service Shop
484-490 Main Rd	Ms	Restaurant
53-59 Main Rd	Ms	Retail Store
299 Main Rd	Ms	Service Shop
395 Main Rd	Ms	Office
239 Major's Path	Ms	Office
36 Pearson St	Ms	Retail Store
20 Peet St	Sn	Car Sales Lot
154 Pennywell Rd	Ms	Service Station
34 Pippy Pl	Ms	Office
260 Portugal Cove Rd	Ms	Retail Store
279 Portugal Cove Rd	Ms	Retail Store
150 Clinch Cres	Ms	Lodging House
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Office
86 Thorburn Rd	Ms	Service Station
390 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
644 Topsail Rd	Ms	Service Shop
644 Topsail Rd	Ms	Day Care Centre
656 Topsail Rd	Ms	Tavern
393 Topsail Rd	Ms	Day Care Centre
681 Topsail Rd	Ms	Retail Store
681 Topsail Rd	Ms	Place Of Amusement
26-34 Torbay Rd	Ms	Tavern

10 Elizabeth Ave	Ms	Office		
280 Torbay Rd	Ms	Eating Establishment		
278 Torbay Rd	Ms	Service Shop		
710 Torbay Rd	Ms	Retail Store		
365-367 Water St Boston Pizza	Rn	Restaurant		
The Village-430 Topsail Rd	Rn	Club		
82 O'leary Ave	Rn	Office		
82 O'leary Ave - Nl Pita	Co	Bakery		
180 Portugal Cove Rd, Halliday	Rn	Hotel		
215 Water St, 5th Floor	Rn	Office		
40 King's Rd	Rn	Communications Use		
40 Hebron Way	Sw	Retail Store		
			This Week	\$1,545,938.00

Class: Government/Institutional

This Week \$.00

Class: Residential

12 Cherrybark Cres, Lot 213	Nc	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
9 Duke St, Lot 238	Nc	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
23 Sprucedale Dr	Co	Office		
117 Merrymeeting Rd	Cr	Single Detached Dwelling		
9 Aldergrove Pl	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
421 Back Line	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
32 Beaumont St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
5 Cabot St	Rn	Townhousing		
37 Cape Pine St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
22 Cook St	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
39 Dillon Cres	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
5 Dunkerry Cres	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
6 East Dr	Rn	Single Detached Dwelling		
16 Neptune Rd	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
18 Prince Of Wales St	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling		
16 Signal Hill Rd	Rn	Semi-Detached Dwelling		
13 Tralee St	Rn	Single Detached & Sub.Apt		
			This Week	\$781,495.00

Class: Demolition

This Week \$.00

This Week's Total: \$2,327,433.00

Repair Permits Issued: 2014/03/06 To 2014/03/12 \$27,800.00

Legend

Co	Change Of Occupancy	Sn	Sign
Cr	Chng Of Occ/Renovtns	Sw	Site Work
Nc	New Construction	Ex	Extension
Rn	Renovations	Dm	Demolition
Ms	Mobile Sign		

YEAR TO DATE COMPARISONS			
March 18, 2014			
TYPE	2013	2014	% VARIANCE (+/-)
Commercial	\$31,965,000.00	\$12,869,000.00	-60
Industrial	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	-100
Government/Institutional	\$6,770,000.00	\$42,440,000.00	53
Residential	\$18,397,000.00	\$20,415,000.00	11
Repairs	\$470,000.00	\$357,000.00	-24
Housing Units (1 & 2 Family Dwellings)	51	21	
TOTAL	\$57,627,000.00	\$76,081,000.00	32

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Sinyard, P. Eng., MBA
 Director of Planning & Development

Payrolls and Accounts

SJMC2014-03-18/129R

**It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley:
 That the following Payrolls and Accounts for the week ending March 12, 2014
 be approved:**

**Weekly Payment Vouchers
 For The
 Week Ending March 12, 2014**

Payroll

Public Works	\$ 491,419.72
Bi-Weekly Administration	\$ 745,118.53
Bi-Weekly Management	\$ 723,918.30

Bi-Weekly Fire Department	\$ 626,723.45
Accounts Payable	\$4,967,233.72
Total:	\$7,554,413.72

Tenders

- a. Tender – Open Order for Rental of Cars and Trucks
- b. Tender –Light Equipment/General Mechanical Repair

SJMC2014-03-18/130R

It was decided on motion of Councillor Galgay; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That the recommendations of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services & City Clerk be approved and the tenders awarded as follows:

- a. **Thrifty Car Rental; Centsible Practicar & Truck Rentals; Discount Car & Truck Rentals and Enterprise Rent-A-Car (as per Memo of March 25, 2014)**
- b. **(First Offer Freshwater Auto Centre @ \$57.95 hourly rate; and second offer Emergency Repair Ltd. @ \$61.65 hourly rate (for one year period) - Taxes are extra to quoted price as per the Public Tendering Act.**

Notice of Motion

Councillor Collins gave the following Notice of Motion:

TAKE NOTICE that I will at the next Regular Meeting of Council move a motion to rescind the previous decision of Council dated August 5, 2013 rejecting the application to rezone property on Maddox Cove Road to Residential Rural Infill.

Urban Municipalities Caucus (UMC) of Municipal Newfoundland and Labrador

Council considered a memorandum dated March 13, 2014 from Councillor Breen regarding the above noted.

SJMC2014-03-18/131R

**It was moved by Councillor Hickman; seconded by Councillor Hann:
That the following Resolution be adopted:**

RESOLUTION

Participation in the Urban Municipalities Economic Development Accord

WHEREAS the City of St. John's believes collaboration between the urban centres of Newfoundland and Labrador will lead to more productive and successful economic development efforts; and,

WHEREAS the City of St. John's recognizes its regional leadership role and acknowledges the strength it brings to and draws from its surrounding region; and,

WHEREAS the City of St. John's believes building on the current MNL Urban Municipalities Caucus network is the best route to further collaboration on sharing best practices and research on economic development;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that City of St. John's wishes to benefit from these activities and authorizes participation in the Urban Accord for Economic Development; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City of St. John's authorizes the Mayor or designate to sign the Accord on behalf of the Council, representing our commitment to the initiative.

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

6 Thorburn Road

Council considered a memorandum dated March 12, 2014 from the City Solicitor regarding the above noted.

SJMC2014-03-18/132R

**It was moved by Councillor Puddister; seconded by Councillor Tilley: That
City land encroaching on 6 Thorburn Road be sold to the owner at \$5.00 per
square foot (approximately \$400.00) plus the usual HST and administration fee.**

The motion being put was unanimously carried.

Snow Clearing Report

Council considered as information the snow clearing report for the period January 1 to March 14, 2014, showing a negative variance of \$763,261.00.

Correspondence from the Mayor's Office

Letter dated February 25, 2014 from Mr. David Andrews, President and CEO American Hockey League thanking the City for hosting the 2014 AHL All-Star Classic

Council acknowledged the above noted letter.

Media Release

Members of Council noted that the City of St. John's is conducting a series of integral public information sessions from March 27 to April 3, 2014 as part of developing a Parks and Open Space Master Plan. Five interactive Ward sessions will be held through the City to engage residents in the discussion about how green spaces and parks contribute to the neighbourhoods in which they live.

Councillor Puddister

Councillor Puddister asked residents of Ward 1 to feel free to contact him in the absence of Councillor Breen who provided notice to Council that he has accepted the nomination of the PC Party of NL for the upcoming by-election in Virginia Waters, effective immediately.

His Worship the Mayor also encouraged residents of Ward 1 to contact any member of Council with issues that require attention within the next three weeks, in the absence of Councillor Breen.

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth

Deputy Mayor Ellsworth provided Council with an update on a meeting of the Mayors Advisory Committee on Youth held on February 26.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK